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SUBJECT: SIERRA LEONE CONFIRMS AGOA FORUM DELEGATION

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¶1. (U) Post confirmed on July 10 that the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) representatives at the AGOA Forum July 14-16 will be the Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Mr. Vandí Minah), Trade and Industry (Mr. Mabinty Daramy), and Finance (Dr. Richard Konteh), as well as the Sierra Leone Ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Bockarie Stevens. Deputy Minister Minah will serve as the Head of Delegation. Post will follow procedures to register the delegation on-line, as requested by Department.

¶2. (U) The GoSL delegation is requesting bilateral meetings with relevant USG representatives. The delegation would also appreciate meetings with potential investors and organizations, such as the Corporate Council on Africa. Post requests assistance from Desk and AF/EPS in identifying possible meeting opportunities, and working with the Sierra Leone Embassy in Washington on scheduling.

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